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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 25, 2002, please
amended the above-identification application as follows:

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In the claims:

1. A lock apparatus in combination with a hand stamping device, said
hand stamping device including an actuator frame slidable relative to a base frame to
present a stamp platen residing in a frame cavity to a window in said base frame, said
lock apparatus including the combination of:

locking heads having upstanding anchor walls protruding from a back
wall such that the anchor walls of one locking head receive said actuator frame and
the anchor walls of the other locking head extend in said frame cavity to prevent
access to said stamp platen;

struts for connecting said locking heads in a space apart relation with
said anchor walls extending toward each other for receiving said actuator frame and
base frame of said hand stamping device there between; and